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NEKOTA NO KOTO GA KI NI NATTE SHIKATANAI ch26

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Chisa... are you saying...
you can see Nekota's cat face, too...!?
...
AND WELL,
Gya ha ha ha!
Damn dude, that's awesome
No kidding
HERE WE ARE.

That's all I have to report
about my one year with Nekota!!
HUH...
UH... YEAH.
YEAAA AAAAH?
WHAT'S WRONG, CHISA?
dizzy
No, IT'S JUST, I'M HAVING TROUBLE TAKING IN ALL THIS INFORMA-TION...
SO, TO SUM IT UP,
UMMM HE'S NOT WEARING IT. THE REFLECTION OF HIS FACE IS A CAT. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT HIM THROUGH THE CAMERA IT'S ALSO A CAT.
HE LOOKS LIKE THAT EVEN IN PHOTO-GRAPHS.
HE CAN ENTER THE POOL, HE'S A FAST SWIMMER,
AND HE'S A GOOD PERSON...?

I STILL FIND THIS ALL HARD TO BELIEVE.
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
HUUUUH?
Aaa ah...
WELL, IT WAS ONLY FOR A YEAR
BUT I FEEL LIKE I'VE DONE ALL I CAN!
HE ALSO HAS A SISTER.
LITTLE SISTER?!
She looks human, though.
HUMAN?!
ABOUT WHETHER IT WAS ME OR NEKOTA WHO WAS THE STRANGE ONE...
BUT YOU SEE...
Ahh
YOU KNOW I HAD THE SAME THOUGHT.
Aha ha!
I Still have no clue!!
You look real happy about this
WHY ARE YOU SO EXCITED?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE NOW.
Hey...
WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE?
I MEAN, HE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN TO EVERYONE ELSE, RIGHT?
HEY, MAYBE WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE STRANGE...

BECAUSE!
I FINALLY FOUND SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS!
UP UNTIL NOW, IT WAS JUST ME!!
OF COURSE I'D BE HAPPY ABOUT IT!!
I WAS REALLY FREAKED OUT ABOUT IT AT THE START.
But I got used to it over time.
Certainly YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT.
IF I WERE IN THIS VERY SITUATION
WITH NOBODY WHO COULD UNDERSTAND ME, I THINK I'D BE EVEN MORE FREAKED OUT.
Oh!
YES! AN ALLY!!
OH WELL. SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS,
I GUESS I'LL ALSO TAKE PART IN THAT INVESTIGATION? THING YOU HAVE GOING ON.
I SIT NEXT TO HIM, ANYWAY... I'LL ALWAYS SEE HIM EVEN IF I DON'T WANT TO
IF WE NOTICE ANYTHING, LET'S MEET UP TO REPORT ABOUT IT!
An
BUT I WAS TOLD IT'S NOT GOOD TO FOLLOW HIM AROUND TOO MUCH.
HARUNA SCOLDED ME FOR IT ONCE, SO BE MINDFUL ABOUT THAT!
Sen pai Mode
DON'T WORRY.
I HATE MEN, REMEMBER? I WON'T TRY TO INVOLVE MYSELF WITH HIM ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY.
By the way, who's Haruna?

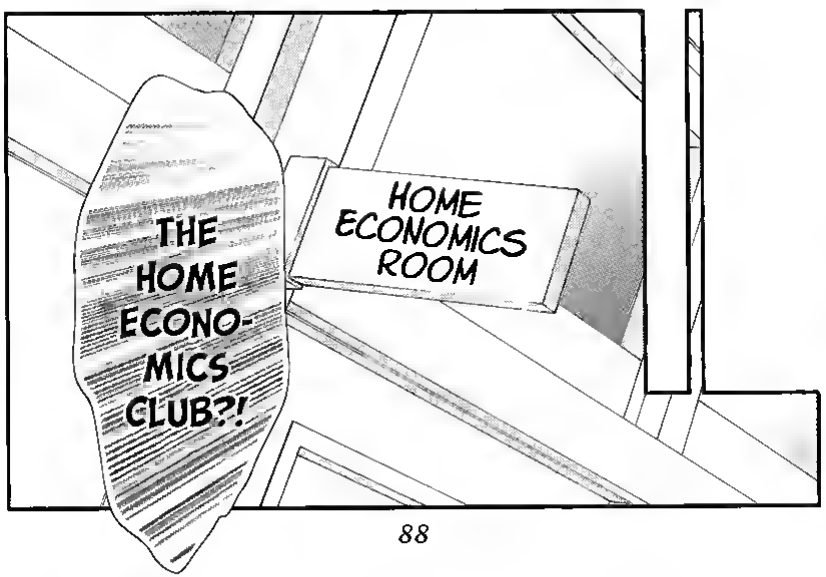
Nekota Observation Club!!!
Alright! Celebrate!! Create!!
!?
got made to do this
Hey, you two are being noisy
Gyahahaha, you're joking!
This is awesome!! To think I could have an ally!!
It's a little reassuring!
staaaaaare
UM... WHAT IS IT?
NOTH-ING!!
...

No, nothing in particular just now.
Did you find something?
Hm?
Mikki?
Ah
chop
You too!
PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS!
DING DONG
Gya ha ha
EXACTLY
THAT'S TRUE.
I MEAN JUST LOOK AT ME. A YEAR HAS PASSED AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND IT...
BUMP
Well,
WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME IF THIS MYSTERY COULD BE SOLVED IN JUST ONE DAY...
ACK
MATSU-ZAKI!!
YOU GUYS WERE BEING NOISY DURING CLASS, TOO!!
THAT FREAKIN' HURT!!
Crap
See you tomorrow
Bye byeee

BY THE WAY, GIRLS SHOULDN'T ACT SO BIG AND TOUGH.
BOTH OF YOU ARE NOISY.
FREEZE
Huuuh?
Who the heck do you think you are? So arrogant.
Right back at you.
Oh wow
You're both really similar. As if you're two peas in a pod.
Who are you anyway?
And who are YOU?
NO, WE'RE NOT!!
Don't lump me together with this person!
You said it at the same time.
See? See?
Anyway,
YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH NEKOTA AND THE OTHERS RIGHT?
I LIVE NEARBY, SO
SEE YA.
ALL RIGHT!
SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN!
C'mon guys!
Let's go home!
Nekota! Machako! Yukke!

GOING HOME TOGETHER TODAY.
WE WON'T BE
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?
I'M GOING FOR THE BASEBALL CLUB
Ahh
MAKES SENSE SINCE YOU USED TO PLAY SANDLOT BASEBALL!
WHAT ABOUT YOU MACHAKO?
THE NEKOTA OBSERVATION CLUB
WHAT CLUB WILL YOU BE JOINING, AMANE-SAN?
Also, what kind of trouble-some club is that?
He's talking about clubs that actually exist.
WHATEVER CLUB WE JOIN NEXT WEEK IS THE ONE WE'LL HAVE TO STAY IN.
SO WE SORT OF HAVE TO DECIDE ON A CLUB TO JOIN THIS WEEK.
WE'RE GOING TO TEMPORARILY JOIN A CLUB AND TAKE PART IN THEIR ACTIVITIES
WHY?!
Cool!
TEACH ME NOW TO PLAY NEXT TIME!!
WHO'S NOT GOOD AT SPORTS AND ARTS, CAN SHINE...!!
THIS IS THE ONLY CLUB WHERE I
SURE!!
I'VE BEEN PLAYING IT WITH MY GRANDPA AND GRANDMA SINCE I WAS LITTLE!
YEAH!!
I'm joining the Shogi Club.
SHO-GI?!

What do I do?!
SHOOT, I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THIS AT ALL!
HOW ABOUT A CLUB THAT PLAYS A SPORT?
WHAT ABOUT YOU NEKO-TAI?
I HAVE THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF AT HOME.
SO IT WILL HAVE TO BE A CLUB THAT WON'T BE A BURDEN TO ME.
I ALREADY KNOW WHICH ONE I'M JOINING.
ピコーン!
キラン
Huh?
Don't tell me...


HOME ECONOMICS ROOM
THE HOME ECONO-MICS CLUB?!

OH!
ARE YOU HERE TO TRY OUT THE CLUB TOO?!
AH!
rattle
Ignore.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB!
I WAS THINKING TO JOIN THE SAME CLUB AS YOU, BUT
Huh?
Chisa!!
AND
MIKKI?!
NEKOTA?!
OH, ARE THEY YOUR FRIENDS?
AH, YEAH. WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS...
HOW RUDE!
THE ONE BEHIND ME IS JUST A STALKER.
BY THE WAY, I'M NOT GOOD AT STUFF LIKE SEWING...
Is that okay?

I'm a 3rd year ♥
I'M THE CLUB PRESIDENT, HANAOKA ♡
NICE TO MEET YOU ♡♡♡
ALTHOUGH WE ARE CALLED THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB, ALMOST ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES ONLY INVOLVE COOKING ♡
WE GATHER AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE EVERY WEEK,
AND EVERYONE MAKES WHATEVER THEY WANT TO MAKE.
That's how it is.
I see.
...WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE COOKING TYPE.
OH RIGHT
YOUR FAMILY OWNS A RAMEN RESTAURANT, DON'T THEY? THAT EXPLAINS IT...
Wha?!
Huh?!
how do you know tha...
I'm still not used to seeing his face!
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM AMANE.
OH, I-I SEE...

NEKOTA'S FAMILY DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER.
WHAT?
EVERY DAY?
HE'S THE ONE WHO COOKS MEGU'S MEALS.
Any Megu's his sister
...I COOK EVERY DAY.
HE DOESN'T HAVE A MOTHER ...?
You're handsome!
Do you like older girls?!
Join our club, 'kay? ♡
BANG
Chisa
Squeal
Squeal
I'M SO happy a boy came TO OUR club!!
The upper-classmen.

Don't pick on him, he's valuable!
HE MIGHT RUN AWAY IF YOU GIRLS GET TOO CLOSE~
HEEEY!
No
Kya
Kya
Um
IT'LL BE THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR US TO OBSERVE HIM!!
Wait, you're seriously going to join?
IF ALL THREE OF US JOIN THIS CLUB,
CHISA!
And then Nekota, of all people, came.
I joined this club because I can cook and I thought there wouldn't be any boys
Oh man...
EVERYONE WHO WERE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS EARLIER, LET'S GET TO COOKING, SHALL WE? ♡♡
LET'S MAKE COOKIES ♡
Okaaay
WE'LL START WITH SOMETHING EASY FIRST.
SINCE WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE JOINING US TEMPORARILY,

First, mix the ingredients together!
Make it delicious, go, go, juuuuuu uuump!!!
All riiight! Mix it up, mix it up, mix it all up like crazy!!!
breathes in
Ah ha ha ha ha
ha ha ha ha
!?
whisk
whisk
whisk
whisk
THE BLOOD OF A COOK RUNNING IN MY VEINS IS ON FIRE!!
Matsuzaki-san, you're lookin' pretty boss there!
THANK YOU.
Oh!
Nekota-kun, your technique is wonderful!
It's freakin' lovely, you scoundrel!!

AMANE-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!!
Huh?
I thought putting in more eggs would make it harden easily.
No, putting in too many will make it all gooey!!
Don't use too many eggs.
べっちょ...
CAN'T BE HELPED... HERE, I'LL SPLIT MY BATTER WITH YOU.
NOT ONLY CAN YOU COOK, BUT YOU CAN MAKE SWEETS TOO. IT'S NOT FAIR~
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST MAKE SOME COOKIES.
You guys kinda look like sibilings...
Huh?!
Shock
ARE YOU SAYING WE'RE SIMILAR?!!
IT'S BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AFTER HER, ISN'T IT.
HUH? THIS?
WHAT'S THAT?
HM?
I said it at the same time as Nekota...
No
It's not some-thing to feel glad about.
Oh so that's why. Thank goodness.
Use the cookie cutter... huh?
IT'S Nekota!
HOW ARE YOU SO BAD AT THIS?!
Aren't we supposed to the cookie cutters?!

NOW THEN
LET'S PUT OUR CHILDREN INTO THE SCORCHING HOT OVEN!!!
WHIRR
.....
Scorch them even more!!
Good!
WHOAAA! THIS MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE AUNT STELLA, DOESN'T IT, FREZ?!
What the heck.
I DON'T SEE ONE SO IT SHOULD BE OKAY?
Hey, won't it be a problem if you did something like that in front of the person himself?
HUH? PRO-BLEM?

T/N: AUNT STELLA IS A BUSINESS THAT MAKES AND SELLS COOKIES.

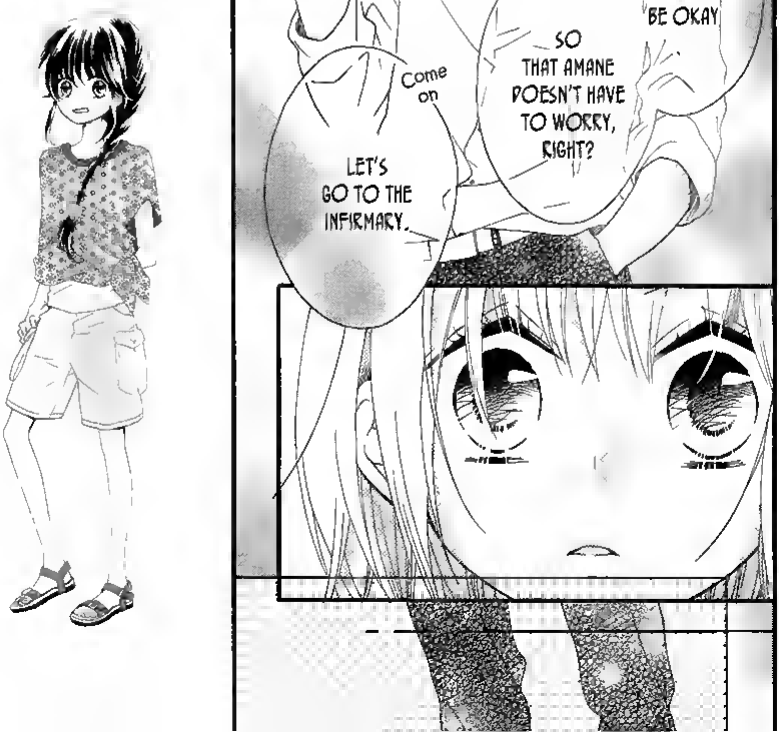
RIGHT? RIGHT? I'M FANTASTIC, RIGHT?
YES, YOU ARE!!
...YEAH.
LET'S TAKE THEM OUT TO COOL THEM DOWN.
The Nekota cookie is nicely baked too.
ALL RIIGHT
It's ready!
DING
WAIT, MIKKI!
CAN I PLACE THEM HERE?
An
PREZ,
WE HAVE TO PUT A DISH TOWEL UNDERNEATH FIR...
YOU BAKED THEM WELL,
IT'S DONE!
THEY SMELL GREAT!

DID YOU GET BURNED?! ARE YOU OKAY?!
SORRY, DID IT TOUCH YOU?!
AH, CHISA?!
DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE?!
Ow!
Ahhh
Don't worry.
I'M FINE.
I'm reflecting on it.
Try to be a little more aware of what's going on around you.
AH
WILL YOU REALLY BE OKAY WITHOUT GOING TO THE INFIRMARY?
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, I JUST HAVE TO COOL IT OFF BY PUTTING MY HAND UNDER RUNNING WATER FOR A WHILE!!
This happens quite frequently at my house!!
IT'S ALREADY GETTING BETTER...
.....
YES, I'LL BE FINE.
I'M REALLY SORRY!

IT'S FINE! IT GOT BETTER ALREADY.
Be right back.
What?
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAND?!
I'LL GO GET IT WHILE THE COOKIES COOL DOWN!
HUH?
I left my dictionary in the class- rooooo ooom.
Darn.
HUH?
I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM.
step
DID WE HAVE A CLASS WHERE WE USED A DICTIONARY TODAY?
step step step-
PUNNO.
.....
I'm all alone now.

OW...
DAMN IT... THE REDNESS WON'T GO AWAY...
SPLASH
I think I should go to the infirmary...
Then again, if I came back with my hand looking like it got treated, she'll get worried...
Oh well. It's almost time to go back home anyway.
I'll bear it until I get home...
MATSUZAKI
HUH...?

grab
I-
I SAID IT'S FINE.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.
AH,
WAI-
Oh SORRY
STING STING
OW OW OW OW OW OW OW!
UWAAAAAAAH! YOU SCARED ME!!!
Don't suddenly show up out of nowhere with that face!
WHAT...
YOUR RIGHT HAND.
DOES IT TRULY NOT HURT?
T-
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU GRABBED MY HAND ALL OF A SUDDEN...
HEY, I GET IT.
foo foo
I KNEW IT.
YOUR HAND STILL HURTS.


YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE OKAY
SO THAT AMANE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY, RIGHT?
Come on
LET'S GO TO THE INFIRMARY.

HOME ECONOMICS ROOM
Maybe she went to the infirmary because of that burn she got earlier?
!?
AMANE-SAN!
YES!
THOSE TWO AREN'T COMING BACK, ARE THEY?
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE SCHOOL TO CLOSE,
SO COULD YOU WRAP THE COOKIES UP FOR THOSE TWO?
AH
SURE...

STEP
STEP
STEP
These voices...
Huh?
Is she in the classroom then?
What?
A GIRL? SHE DIDN'T COME BY.
appear
There you are!
Nekota! Chisa!
Look, I'm telling you,
Stay still...
gasp

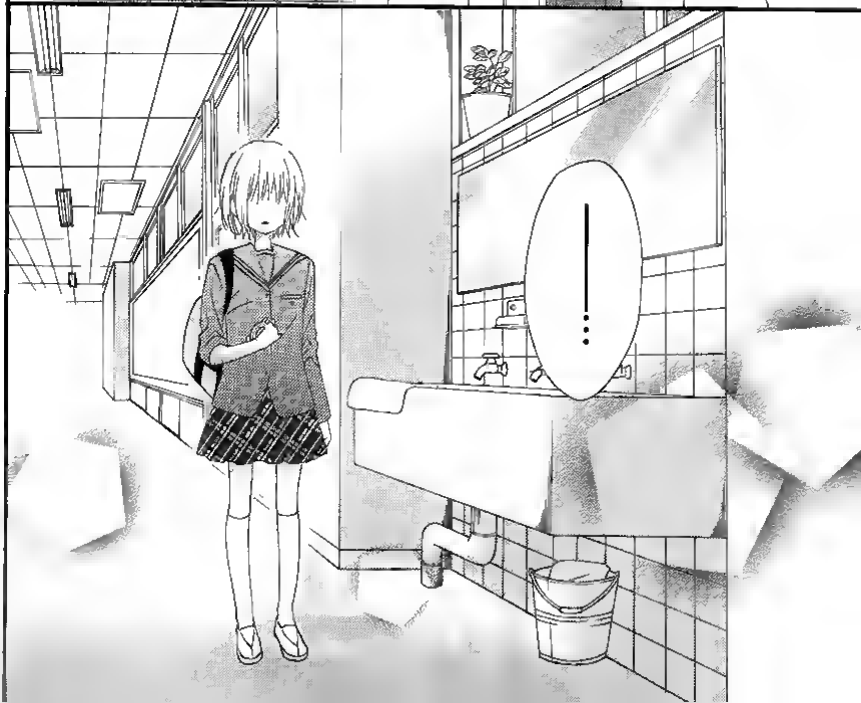
WHOA AAAA!
A-ARE YOU GUYS DOING SOMETHING SHAMELESS?!
WE'RE NOT, YOU GOOF!
No, no
IT'S REALLY NOTHING...
You okay?! Sorry! You should've said something!!
SO I TIED A WET TOWEL AROUND HER HAND, THAT'S ALL.
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE INFIRMARY.
I SAID I WAS FINE.
SO YOUR HAND WAS ACTUALLY BADLY BURNT!?
WHAT?!
SHE WAS PRETENDING TO BE OKAY SO THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY.
WHA- IDIOT!
It's okay, she doesn't worry about people too much.
Hey!!
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE WORRY ABOUT ME.
NO, IT'S JUST,
BESIDES, IT WAS MY FAULT!!
IS THAT TRUE?! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT!!

I'LL GIVE YOU MINE, TOO!
What?
WHY?
I also brought your bag
OH YEAH, THE COOKIES...
I WRAPPED SOME UP FOR YOU TWO.
Ah
SORRY AND THANK YOU.
A-
...AN APOLOGY FOR GIVING YOU THAT BURN.
What's this? It's rare for you to be concerned
Hey!!
Ah
THE ONE THAT'S SHAPED LIKE NEKOTA'S FACE IS INSIDE THOUGH.
Ehe
WHAT.

snatch
rustle rustle
Guh oh!?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING THAT FACE, SO
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!
THANKS FOR THE COOKIES.
...AND
NEKO-TA, TOO.
mumble THANKS. TH-
BYE! SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!!
AH, WAIT, MATSUZAKI.

GET IT EXAMINED AT A CLINIC.
YOUR HAND.
I SAID I'M FINE, DIDN'T I...
A BURN WILL EASILY LEAVE A SCAR AFTERWARDS.
YOU'RE A GIRL.
IT'S BEST THAT YOU DON'T GET A SCAR.

YOU KNOW,
You think so?
I FEEL LIKE SHE WAS BEING QUITE UNKIND TO ME, THOUGH.
Didn't she talk to you normally?
BUT I WONDER IF SHE'S OKAY WITH YOU?
CHISA SAID SHE HATES MEN,
S-SURE!
LET'S GO, AMANE.
HE'S RIGHT!! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!!
Yes, yes.
I'm sorry
Wait, really?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"He's a good person"
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EVEN THOUGH... HE'S A BOY
HE'S A... GOOD PERSON...